Rec'd A. A. E. Taylor -
about
Miss Margaretta McDonald
(application) -

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Cor. Sec'y &c

Dear Madam,

Miss McDonald of whom you wrote making inquiries, is a very worthy lady of excellent character & reported to be very capable in sewing and dress making. Her religious influence would be very good over young girls. She seems to be quite modest & somewhat timid, yet possessed of a

She has an excellent education and would exert a healthful intellectual & spiritual influence in the school.

Yours very truly

March 12. 1881. A. A. E. Taylor.

Considerable degree of force -
She is a very persistent & faithful
worker though not apparently
as robust as might be needed
were many hardships of climate
to be borne -
I would not hesitate to assign
her such a position as that
described - She might be
certainly relied upon to do her
best - I think she would, without
doubt, win the sympathies of
those under her instructions -

Miss Ella McDonald.
(application)
Bealle av. Wooster Ohio

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines,

Madam,

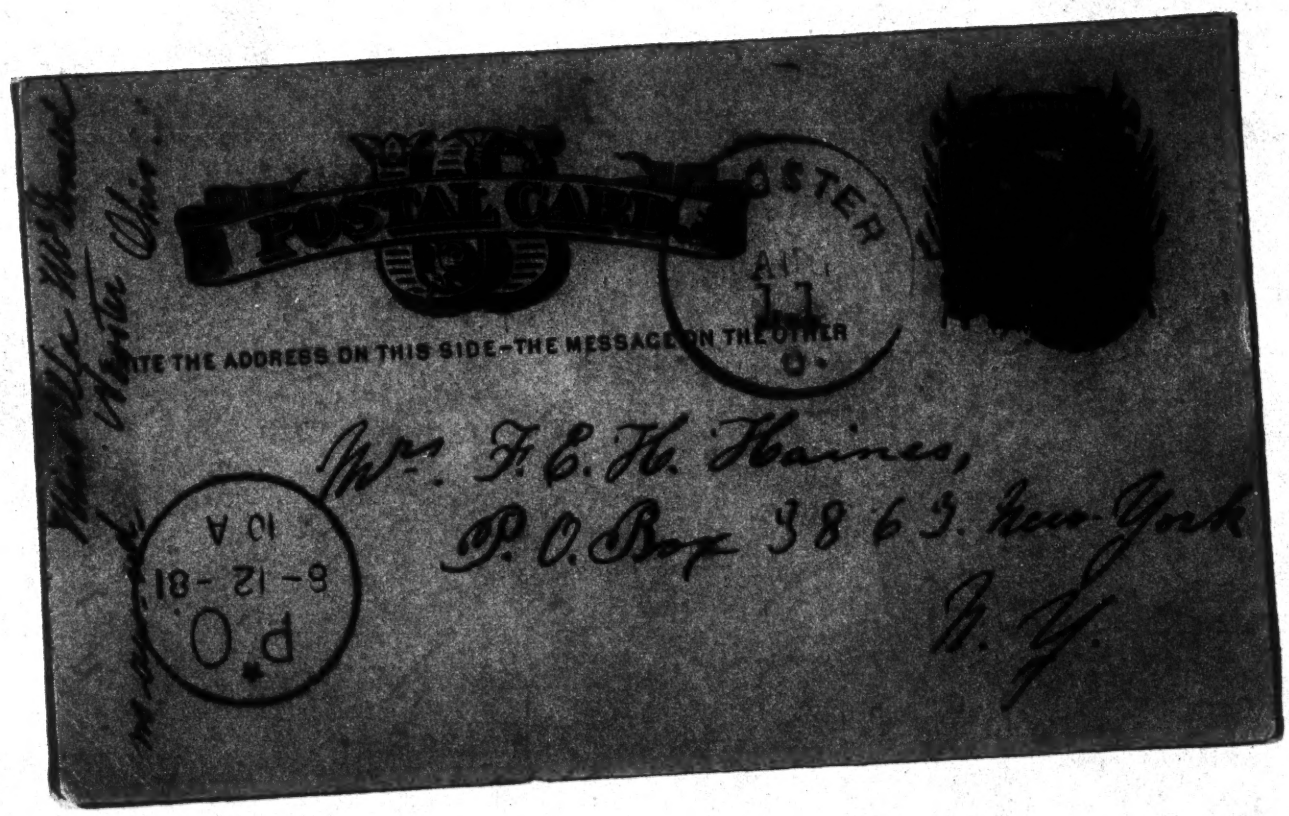
In reading the Account of the "Annual Meeting of The Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions", I was struck by the words "Fifteen teachers are needed for Utah alone". I have been thinking seriously about it, and now I am ready to say "Here am I, send me". I love the Lord; I have given him myself. (just now I have nothing else to give) and now I am ready to go where He sends and to do the work He gives me to do. I am not very young I united with the Church sixteen years ago; (My Father was an Elder) and ten years ago I

taught. I was just beginning to grow into a successful teacher, when home duties claimed my attention, and ever since I have been disciplined in the utmost obscurity. I know what it means to work hard and since I was seven years old, I do not remember having been sick in bed for a whole day at a time. My hands are free now and empty and reaching out for work. I should love to go to Utah, I feel sure I could be very useful there. I can teach the branches taught in our Public Schools, and in addition, I should delight in teaching them of Jesus. I pray that my offer may be accepted, and that I may go soon, that I may go very soon, (indeed if I may not I shall be obliged

to turn my attention elsewhere) I should like to be stationed with or very near one or more other teachers. Unfortunately I cannot sing; if I may have a companion I trust she may be able to sing; because music will often make impressions where words fail. That you may learn something more of me, if you wish to do so, I refer you to my Pastor Dr. T. A. McCurdy, and to Mrs L. J. Barker, (an Elder in the Church of which I am a member), both of them good and true Christian men and residents of this city. Trusting I shall soon know what I am to do I remain

Respectfully yours,
(Miss) Ella McDonald.

Beall Ave. Wooster, O.
June 27. 1881.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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
Mrs. F. E. H. Haines,
P. O. Box 3863. New York
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Bealle Ave. Wooster Ohio
Aug. 10. 1881.

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines

I have just received your Card intimating that I had not received my letter which I wrote on the 6th. I will write again tomorrow, but now I will say that I expect to go and am getting ready as fast as I can. I shall endeavor to follow your directions as closely as possible and be in Omaha on the 3rd of Sept. Yours truly

Ella McDonald

Miss Ella McDonald
Norster Ohio.
and P.

Beall Ave., Wooster, O.,
Aug. 11th 1881

Mrs. F.E.H. Haines, New York, N.Y.

My dear Madam,

Last evening I received a card from you, from which it seems that you did not get my letter - mailed on the 6th - I trust you have received it before now, for fear you have not I shall repeat briefly what I said then. I expect to go to Utah, I want to go and shall feel grieved if through any mistake of mine I fail to be ready to carry out your arrangements. I am preparing, to go, as rapidly as I can, On the strength of your kind offer to advance something on my salary, I have already commenced

adding to my wardrobe, I need almost everything as the peculiarity of my position, took away the necessity of my having anything much to wear, as well as rendering it necessary for me to exercise the most rigid economy. Please advance forward fifty dollars, I do not see how I can procure a comfortable outfit, including a trunk and some important things you have not mentioned, for less. I thank you for the thoughtfulness that sent the list of articles necessary, if you had not sent it, I should have gone not half provided for. If it would not make trouble, in procuring tickets, or, in the arrangements of the Board, I should like to start on the 24th of this month, and go by way of Topeka Kansas, that I might take a (sp of Comfort to

my sister, living near Chase. She will be grieved to have me go right past, without turning aside to see her. Topeka is about the same distance from here, as is Omaha, the extra expense would be about the fare from Topeka to Omaha. She would divide that with me. I do not want to be in any way extra expense or trouble to the Church. I leave it to you to decide for me, what I shall do, and where I shall go. My work shall be to strive earnestly to be faithful to the Lord I love. I feel that nothing can be too much to do for Him, since He has done so much for me. Pray for me, that I may be the means of winning souls, that the name of 'Our Father' may be glorified.

Respectfully yours
Ella McDonald.

Miss Ella McDonald
and 8.20/81 —

Beall Ave. Wooster, O. Aug. 11, 1881.

Mrs F. E. H. Haines, Elizabeth, N. J.

Dear Madam;

I have just received your letter and hasten to answer. thanks for your promise to procure the Commentaries for me, but the Ladies of the Church, to which I belong, learning that I was going and that I had not, and could not afford, such helps to Bible teaching, went instantly and purchased and sent to me a Whole and beautiful set of Henry's Commentaries. It was as good and kind in them, as I am almost an entire stranger to the most of them and I did not ask

[illegible] anyone would know I was going.

Fearing my letter was not sufficiently explicit Mrs Henderson very kindly offered to write to you about my going to Topeka. I should much prefer going from Omaha in company with the others and shall arrange to be there on the 3rd of September. but if you could arrange it so that I could leave the road at Rock Island and go to Topeka instead of Omaha. the extra expense would be the fare from Topeka to Omaha. I should be perfectly willing that should come out of my Salary - indeed I would do for anything, in all the world, cost the Church more than I could help. I'd very, very much rather help to fill her Coffers. If I go to Sisters's. I should like

to start on the 24th, of this month.
(A week from today). Trusting now
that all is clear and that there will
be no difficulty I remain yours
sincerely
Ella McDonald.

Art yet appointed,
A.S.B.

vice of my Lord. I am wholly consecrated and ready to yield obedience to His decision, but it would be harder to stay than to go. but I expect to go; I feel sure that I shall, It cannot be otherwise; and I shall be the means of bringing honor and glory to my Saviour's name. If I receive a telegram on Tuesday evening and the money on Wednesday evening I could start Thursday evening and reach either Topeka or Omaha about 3 P.M. on Saturday. Mrs. Henderson is not at home (having just gone to see her brother & sister Mr & Miss Mateer, who are about to leave for China) and will not be until I am gone, but, I'm sure, she will see to it, that every thing interesting, concerning my going, shall be properly published. Trusting that I may very soon hear the command "Go forward" I remain affectionately

Yours Ella McDonald

Miss Eleanore
McDonald
Wooster Ohio
ans 8.26/81 —

My real name is Eleanore but as no one ever thinks of calling me any thing but Ella, I had almost forgotten it and did forget that I had used it when I was examined.

Bealle Ave., Wooster, O., Aug. 22, 1881.

Mrs F. E. H Haines New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs Haines,

I have just received your two notes and feel almost terrified by the bare possibility of not being commissioned to go to Utah.

Mr McMillan said that the Board was to meet the 26th. of July and I received the impression that all was to be settled then; and when I received your first letter I supposed of course my offer of myself had been accepted - (and made all my arrangements accordingly) - it surely will be: it must be. I cannot stay now. The grief and disappointment would not be mine alone: The Community

and the Churches here are taking the deepest interest and have been helping me to their utmost ability, - The Commentaries are only a ~~little~~ bithe of their lavish kindnesses for the Lord's sake. If I should have to stay home now it would be a sorrowful blow to them all: and ~~I don't~~ speaking for myself - I'm sure you cannot send any one who will be more faithful and earnest and true. besides if I should not go it would be a pecuniary disaster beyond remedy, as I have already made almost all the necessary purchases, I could not have been ready otherwise. and even now, it will be necessary for me to know, that I am to go, two or three days before I can start. I am sorry you did not sooner mention the ~~the~~ required certificates I can only send you my old certifi

cate, (disfigured by my counting the average) I cannot possibly be examined as the "Board of Examiners" is scattered for the Summer, and Dr Taylor, Dr Kirkwood, and all the members of the University Faculty are having their vacation. My Pastor - Dr McCurdy - is also away, beyond my reach - being in no definite place - so there is no one left to help me except Dr Liggett He is a member of the Session of the Church to which I belong, and his word ought to be sufficient. I know that Dr McCurdy recommended me to Mr McMillan and if Mr McMillan said send me I should think that would be enough. I think I have a higher commission than you can give; it is found in John 15:16. Oh: I do so want to go, I want all my powers employed in the ser-

weeks. I think those fared best who brought everything in trunks as I am beginning to suffer for my winter clothes and books.

I have on hand eighteen dollars and a half just about enough to pay for the box when it comes, I am paying four dollars a week for board. Please do not let me be out of money as they are all mormons here and I cannot look for anything from them without I pay for it. If ever I find any thing interesting I'll write about it. The people at home were deeply interested in my coming and showered benedictions on my head.

Respectfully yours Ella McDonald.

Miss Ella McDonald
Kaysville
Utah.

Kaysville, Utah, Oct, 11, 1881

Mrs F.E.H. Haines, New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs Haines;

You said "It is not hard to go to Utah alone", You are right; It is not. It only takes more money and more strength than ordinary people have to spare.

I changed cars eleven times and looked after my trunk nine times, and got through beautifully. I met with nothing but kindness all the way, and upon the whole enjoyed the journey pretty well: the people around me were all so interesting.

I went to see my sister and added — more even than I expected — to her happiness; and

the extra expense of going there was only seven dollars and twenty cents; only about what a sleeping car would have cost, between my home and Omaha. I did not take a sleeping car until I reached Omaha, because I was afraid you did not allow it; but Mrs. Little assured me that you did; so I gladly availed myself of the privilege and reached my journey's end, feeling a great deal stronger than I should otherwise have felt.

While waiting for Mr. McMillan I spent several days in Salt Lake City, at Prof. Joyner's. They have a very interesting school there; some of the pupils seem to be thoroughly awakened and their eyes are very bright and eager. Here the people are all mormons and very ignorant. I do not know

whether I can influence them to choose the better way or not, but I'm going to work at it and leave the result with our Father in heaven. I think I have already got two or three little golden wedges fairly started, but I'm not sure. but I do know that several with whom I talked, drew nearer to me as I talked. A woman, with whom I was talking, yesterday said that there was "very great need here for a good nurse, there is not anybody here that really knows how to take care of the sick" And I think myself that such an one would be a great help to any teacher, helping to open the way for Education, Civilization and Christ. I sent a box by freight, and have not got it yet; and it has been over four

Miss Ella McDonald
[illegible] Kaysville
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Kaysville [illegible]

Mrs F. E. H. Haines, [illegible] York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs [illegible], Aug 12 [illegible]

What I have been doing, during the last three months, is of such a nature as to be not very easily reported. I have tried to watch every opportunity to win the hearts and confidence of the people and I think I have, in a measure, succeeded. Six weeks ago, I could have commenced to teach regularly, in a School House, if there had been one for me. At last, after considerable difficulty, Mr McMillan secured the house, but we have not yet been able to get a stove. I wrote home, asking for one, but I have not yet received an answer to my letter. I think I shall surely [illegible] this week and I trust the money [illegible] come with the [illegible] then [illegible]

thing will be. What shall I do for Coal?

On next Sabbath I expect to commence with a Bible Class, which will meet here, where I am boarding, until the School House is ready to be occupied. The majority of the people here are not poor. All I have met have been very kind to me, but I was told (by a Stranger who was stopping here) that they are very bitterly opposed to me and my invasion. The young man, of whom Mr. McMillan brought the house, has been disciplined, and I think the people have been forbidden to send the children to school to me, but I have had the promise of ten. I do not know yet, what will be the result, but I trust I shall be the means of good.

Respectfully yours
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Miss Ella McDonald
and 1.9/83
wrote Dr. McCurdy Worster Dy 1.9/82
& Rev Dr. J. McMillan

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Kaysville, Utah, Dec. 30., 1881.

Mrs F. E. H. Haines, New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs Haines,

I have just received your letter and I assure you I am glad to read the kind, comforting words. I have not received a letter from home for so long I was beginning to feel quite disheartened. I have written so many letters and no answer comes; I do not know whether to think, the letters are lost or, whether, they are left unanswered

The Missionary Societies assured me, again and again, that they would provide anything I needed, if I'd write and tell them what, and I supposed they meant it; and asked for a stove

and some papers and books, but all to no purpose. If they really couldn't afford it, it seems to me it would be nicer, for them to have written and said so, than to leave it all unheeded; but, perhaps, the letters have been lost.

You ask whether anything was said about any society assuming my Salary; Dr McCurdy said that Presbytery passed a Resolution, relating to it. Perhaps you would better write to him: his address is Dr T. A. McCurdy, Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio.

I am trying to do all in my power to shew the beauty of the Christian life, but I feel how small and helpless I am. Every thing seems smooth, on the surface, but I was told, the other day, by a young man, who is boarding here, and who professes to be an Infidel, — that the

feeling towards our invasion is so bitter, that he has sometimes trembled for my life: he added, however, "that it is better now".

Yes, it is a comfort that the Lord controls the results as well as directs our efforts. I am thankful and willing to leave everything in his hands.

Affectionately yours,

Ella McDonald.